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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph at p. 6, lines ~~19-25~~<sup>20, 27</sup> with the following amended paragraph:

IDC-C1,AMD

In the lighting device according to the invention, when a boundary on a side of the light emitting device in the second area is preferably positioned ~~more close~~closer to the end surface than two-thirds of an overall length of the light guide, ~~and~~ a depth y ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) of the groove and a distance x (mm) from the groove to the end surface disposed with the light emitting device satisfy the expression  $y = a_2x^2 + b_2$  in the second area, where  $a_2$  ranges from 0.010 to 0.024, and  $b_2$  ranges from -20 to 13.

Please replace paragraph at p. ~~6~~<sup>7</sup>, line ~~26~~<sup>1</sup> to p. ~~7~~<sup>1</sup>, line ~~6~~ with the following amended paragraph:

IDC-C2,AMD

In the lighting device according to the invention, when a boundary on a side of the light emitting device in the second area is preferably positioned ~~more close~~further to the end surface than two-thirds of an overall length of the light guide, ~~and~~ a depth y ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) of the groove and a distance x (mm) from the groove to the end surface disposed with the light emitting device satisfy the expression  $y = a_3x^2 + b_3x + c_3$  in the second area, where  $a_3$  ranges from 0.050 to 0.080,  $b_3$  ranges from -5.7 to -3.7, and  $c_3$  ranges from 50 to 130.